House Resolution No. 58

Whereas, the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA) will present posthumously the Right Arm of St. Louis Award to the Honorable George R. "Buzz" Westfall during the organization's 167th Annual Meeting to be held January 14, 2004; and

Whereas, the late Buzz Westfall is being honored with the Right Arm of St. Louis Award, RCGA's most prestigious accolade, in recognition of his exemplary leadership and steadfast commitment to a strong bi-state region during his thirteen years as St. Louis County Executive; and

Whereas, Buzz Westfall was a graduate of Saint Louis University and the Saint Louis University School of Law who joined the county prosecutor's office in 1969 and was elected prosecutor in 1970; and

Whereas, Buzz Westfall won his first term as county executive in 1990 and was re-elected to the position three times, serving as administrator for more than one million residents in St. Louis County, or nearly one-fifth of Missouri's total population; and

Whereas, among Buzz Westfall's accomplishments while in office were the construction of the new St. Louis County jail, and the establishment of the Metro Education and Training Center, a St. Louis County shelter for battered women and children, and the St. Louis County Fair and Air Show, which has raised more than \$1 million for local children's hospitals; and

Whereas, one of the St. Louis region's most influential public figures of the last twenty years, Buzz Westfall will be remembered for the numerous contributions he made to a city he loved and for his genuine concern of issues affecting the citizenry of Missouri and Illinois:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, solemnly pause to reflect upon the achievements of the late Buzz Westfall as he is honored posthumously with the RCGA Right Arm of St. Louis Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in loving memory of the late George R. "Buzz" Westfall.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 58, adopted January 14, 2004.